SILVERA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the Homoeopathic Practitioners (Professional Conduct, Etiquette & Code of Ethics) Regulations, 1982, a practitioner of Homoeopathy shall use any drug prepared according to Homoeopathic principles and adopt other necessary measures as required.

Violation of the above provision attracts the punishment with imprisonment as per the provisions of the various Central Acts such as IMC Act 1956 & IMCC Act, 1970.

Funds Tor Homoeopathic drugs in HIV Infection

2898. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy has cured nine HIV infected persons at its Bombay centre and made a claim to this effect in one of its News Letter published as early as 1991;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to provide Homoeopathic treatment which is substantially economical in comparison to Allopathic treatment Jo the HIV infected persons; and

(c) whether Government have earmarked and funds exclusively to carry out trials of Homoeopathic drugs in HIV infection and AIDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy has made a statement to the effect that nine persons out of 51 cases of HIV infected patients have become ELISA negative. This study is still in progress. Separate funds have been earmarked for CCRH, but not schemewise.

Study on Rural Sanitations

2899. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study about how the total absence of rural sanitation causes various diseases in the country;

(b) if so, what are their findings and recommendations; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) The All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Helath, Calcutta has conducted studies in the rural areas which indicate that absence of sanitation could cause spread of diseases like diarrhoea, gastroentritis, cholera, typhoid, helminthic infestation hepatitis and Poliomy litis. Studies have also indicates that the morbidity of water and exoreta related diseases can not be reduced by provision of drinking water alone unless the sanitaiton status in the rural areas is improved.

(c) Does not arise.

Vacant Posts in CGHS in Delhi

2900. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKAR DAVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in the cadre of Chief Medical Officer, Senior Medical Officer, Medical Officer and Pharmacists in the Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic and Unani dispensaries under C.G.H.S, in Delhi, separately till 30th June, 1994;

(b) by when these vacancies are likely to be filled up by the authorities;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Estimates Committee of Seventh Lok Sabha